

Layton Martens

M E M O R A N D U M

May 22, 1968

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FROM: GARY SANDERS, Investigator
RE: MRS. MARGUERITE MARTENS (Mother of Layton Martens)

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CC: Andrew J. Sciambra
Assistant D. A.

CC-4693

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Pre-occupied? no Studious? no Dependable? no Cooperative? no

Resentful? no Ambitious? no Daydreams? no Self condemnatory? no

Self-conscious? no Adaptable? no Intelligent? no Quick to learn? no

Suspicious? no Friendly? no Asocial? no Honest? no

Truthful? no Elated? no Calm? no Defective in speech? no

Aggressive? no Alert? no Self centered? no Religious? no

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Date AUG 21 1963 Signature W. G. Super M.D.

Date _____ Signature _____ M.D.

Date AUG 21 1963 Signature [Signature] Coroner

Orleans Parish

(File)

FENNER:

HERE TO ATTACHED FIND THE LICENSE NUMBER AND TO WHOM
REGISTERED TO 66 67 LA 50I974 THIS IS THE PLATE I
WAS TALKING TO YOU ABOUT SOMETIME AGO

50-1-974

67 PLY 2DR L P MARTENS 404 SOUTH WAKEFIELD ST LAFAYETTE LA

SEAWARD

EX-FERRIE ROOMMATE

DA Probe Figure Held in Stabbing

States - Item

Friday June 28

Layton P. Martens, 25, who has figured in District Attorney Jim Garrison's assassination probe, was arrested and booked with attempted murder last night following a stabbing in his French Quarter apartment.

Police said Martens was accused of stabbing Darryl Gertenschlager, 29, 728 Du-maine, Apt. 401.

Gertenschlager was listed in fair condition at Charity Hospital early today after undergoing surgery last night. Before surgery, his condition had been reported as extremely critical.

MARTENS WAS being held in Central Lockup, pending a magistrate hearing.

Police said the stabbing took place in Martens' apartment at 1205 Bourbon following an argument.

During the argument, officers said, Martens went to his kitchen and got an eight-inch butcher knife to protect himself.

Police reported that Gertenschlager charged Martens and

was stabbed in the abdomen with the knife.

MARTENS WAS A roommate in 1963 of the late David W. Ferrie, who died just a few days after the DA's probe of President John F. Kennedy's murder was revealed. Garrison accused Ferrie of being a conspirator in the death of Kennedy.

On April 5, 1967, Martens, who was then a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, was indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury in connection with testimony he gave about two other Garrison probe figures — Gordon Novel and Sergio Arcacha Smith.

He has never been brought to trial on the perjury charge.

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LAYTON P. MARTENS

Martens--

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NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST REPORT

Arrest Number 352 Dist 2 Item No. K-13880-63 Show Arrest Credit 26

Last Name Martens First Layton Middle atrick

Residence 3730 La. Ave.
Street No. & Street City
City, Parish, County
State

ALIAS:

Complainant and Address

Place Arrested

Arrested

Location

Dist

Zone

Date

Time

3330 La. Ave.

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11-25-63

1:30 A.M.
P.M.

Charge

Arresting officers and where assigned

RS14 Art. 107 Par. 5 & 7 rel. to
Vagrancy, Under investigation of
Subversive activities.
HODD FOR F.B.I. AND SECRET SERVICE

D/SGT. R. Comstock Det. D.A. Office
" L. Ivon " " "
" C. Jonau " " "
" C. Niedermeier " " "
" F. Williams " " "

Birthplace (City and State)	Birth Date	Race	Sex	Age	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Comp.
N.O., La.	2-19-43	W	M	20	6/1	145	Gr.	Brn	Fair
Occupation	Arrested with								
Photo Tech.	Alvin Roland Beaubouef,wm								

Remarks:

These subjects arrested and charged with investigation of
Subversive activities.

Francis Burgess: PPH
D/Sgt.

Fingerprint Classification

Disposition

N.O.P.D. Number

F.B.I. Number

Left Hand

Right Hand

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R.R.

May 22, 1964

Item Nos. K-13880-63 &
K-14238-63

TO: Joseph I. Giarrusso, Superintendent of Police

FROM: Sgt. Fenner Sedgebeer

SUBJECT: The arrest of the below named subjects:

1. Alvin Roland Beaubouef, w/m, age 20 years, residing 3330 Louisiana Avenue ←
Parkway
2. Layton P. Martens, w/m, age 18, residing 2427 Alvar Street. Subjects Nos. 1 and 2 were arrested at about 11/25/63 from 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, booked in the Second District Police Station with R.S. 14:107, vagrancy, under investigation of subversive activities.
3. David Ferrie, w/m, 46, residing 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, arrested at about 5:25 P.M. from Tulane and Broad Streets, booked in the First District Station with R.S. 14:107, vagrancy, pending investigation of being a fugitive from the State of Texas.

In 1963 Beaubouef
lived at 2427 Alvar,
(He gave it to FBI or
NOPD when booked)...

Also arrested 12/14/60
for driving with be-
ginners license w/o
adult, in St. Charles
(Martens Parish)

At about midnight on November 24, 1963, Officers
R. Comstock, L. Ivon, C. Jonau, C. Neidermier and F. Williams,
met Assistant District Attorney, Frank Klein, in the office
of the District Attorney. At that time Mr. Klein began an
investigation as to the possibility of David Ferrie being
involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy,
which had occurred in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963 by
the hands of Lee Harvey Oswald. Information had been brought
to the attention of Mr. Klein that David Ferrie and Lee Harvey
Oswald had been friends and associates in the past.

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With this information at about shortly after midnight these officers went to 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, knocked on the door and same was opened by a subject who identified himself as Alvin Beaubouef. The officers requested the present whereabouts of David Ferrie and Beaubouef said he did not know. It was obvious that he was trying to conceal the facts. He was placed under arrest and the officers went up to the second story apartment where they found Layton Martens seated in a chair. This subject was questioned and he stated that he was presently living with Ferrie. However, he did not know the present whereabouts of Ferrie. Martens too was placed under arrest and the officers instituted a search. In this residence was found a Smith & Wesson 38 cal. 5 inch barrell 6 shot revolver, butt No. 85392, cylinder No. 96585; a holster for this revolver; a 22 cal. Hamilton rifle; a large bore English

Army type rifle, Serial No. 7/47AB5633; a bayonet having a holster; a flare gun; and a large quantity of ammunition. Martens denied the ownership of these items stating they belonged to Ferrie.

Martens and Beaubouef were conveyed to the district police station and a continuous stakeout was placed on 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. Numerous locations in the city were checked in an attempt to locate Ferrie. All were negative.

At about 4:30 P.M. on this date of 11/25/63, David Ferrie appeared in the office of the District Attorney with his attorney, Mr. G. Wray Gill. At this time he was questioned by Mr. Klein and Officer Comstock. He was allowed to see a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald and he denied ever seeing this man before. He related a story of having left New Orleans at about 9:00 P.M., Friday, November 22, 1963, going to Houston, Texas

and the following day going on to Galveston, Texas, and returning to New Orleans at about 1:00 A.M. on 11/25/63.

Ferrie was placed under arrest after his interview and booked in the First District Police Station as stated above.

Col. Garrison of the Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, was contacted by telephone by Mr. Klein and the details surrounding the arrest of Ferrie were given to him. His office conducted a preliminary investigation; however, they were unable to implicate this subject in the assassination of President Kennedy. On 11/26/63 Captain Priest of the Houston Police Department Detective Bureau was contacted by telephone and asked to verify the movements which Ferrie described relative to him being in the State of Texas. After several hours Captain Priest notified this office the results of his investigation which corroborated the story related by Ferrie

in that Ferrie arrived in Houston on 11/23/63 and made a visit to a skating rink owned by an individual named Roland. Captain Priest was also able to corroborate Ferrie's story as to him being in Galveston, Texas the following day.

The officers have been unable to uncover any evidence which would link Ferrie to the assassination of President Kennedy.

All of the above described items seized from the home of Ferrie were returned to him after they had been photographed and serial numbers taken wherever possible.

District Attorney to be consulted in this matter.

FENNER SEDGEBEER



R. COMSTOCK

L. IVON

C. JONAU

F. WILLIAMS

C. NEIDERMEIER

Subject Martens continued to tell us that the subject "Butch Marsh" mentioned in the appended documents, who introduced him to Perry Russo, is now employed as a New Orleans Police Officer. He says that this man has helped him remember several things, and that he (Marsh) mostlikely knows a lot himself...Perhaps, he says, Marsh may know more than he cares to admit, or that he will admit. He thinks this, inasmuch as, he (Martens) was away to school so much during that period; Marsh was far more in the "know" with Ferrie, than he (Martens) was at the time.

Martens seems very sincere about, and in regard, to our latest talks, to the extent that he actually realizes his juvenile-naivete at this period of his life. He knows now, that both Ferrie and Arcacha "used" him for these reasons, for his "youth", and for nothing else. He has mentioned several times about how they (Arcacha and Ferrie) seemed to decide factors or business policies in secret, and then come to him saying, "We've decided to do.....", directing him to then go and implement such-n-such a procedure, et cetera, without question. So doing, he has said, "I just followed orders, eventhough, I was allegedly supposed to be running things"...That is the F.R.D., et cetera.

Martens also reported to us that the "secretary" we mentioned to you Tuesday afternoon called him that very evening after our conversation about the matter. He's all worked-up over this contact.

End of Report


J. S. (Jack) Martin

STATE OF LOUISIANA }
PARISH OF ORLEANS } ss

Subscribed to, and sworn to,
before me a Notary Public,
this 4th day of April, 1968.

Notary Public

R E F E R E N D U M

TO : Louis Ivon, Chief Investigator, District Attorney

SUBJECT : Layton Martens, Background Material, Cooperation

DATE : Wednesday, 3rd April, 1968

FROM : J. S. (Jack) Martin

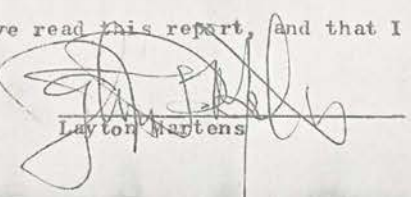
Subject, Layton Martens voluntarily gave us the attached copy of his former Cuban identification, this evening, 8:00PM.

Pursuant to instructions we're reporting Martens' willingness to cooperate with your office in this investigation, as we've so mentioned in our report, Tuesday, 1st April, 1968. Martens' agrees to write an outline of his activities during the 1959-1963 era, and his former association and/or exposure to David Ferrie, the Cuban F.R.D., et cetera.

Martens's says that he now thinks he remembers Perry Russo vaguely, and he believes it may have been Butch Marsh who introduced him to Russo. He says that some things seem to be slowly coming back to memory, but many of these are hazy...Although, he is trying hard to recall these details. Furthermore, he agrees to work undercover if requested to do so, and he is compensated for his expenses in doing so. Moreover, he requests the identification we mentioned which shall provide him with the permit to bear arms, et cetera, thus rendering him minimum protection together with the immunity from your good office, et cetera, as we've mentioned.


J. S. (Jack) Martin

This is to certify that I've read this report, and that I have a copy of same for my files.


Layton Martens

Martin Report, Re: Layton Martens, 4-4-1968, continued, Exhibit II, page

CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT
F. R. D.

207 DALTON BLDG.
JA 8-8508

NEW ORLEANS DELEGATE
SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH



REFERENDUM

TO : Louis Ivon, Chief Investigator, District Attorney

SUBJECT : Investigation of Layton Martens, and Attached Exhibits

DATE : Thursday, 4th April, 1968

FROM : J. S. (Jack) Martin

*To: archival
Re: Layton Martens*

Pursuant to instructions we interviewed subject-in-question within our home on the evening of Wednesday, 3rd April, 1968, at about 8:00 PM. At this time, the aforementioned subject read, signed and gave us the enclosed instruments attached hereto marked as Exhibits I, and II. The first of these is entitled "referendum".

Subject, Martens, further avers that he vaguely recalls several rifles owned by David William Ferrie back in 1961. Accordingly, these were of about WWI vintage, and were about 4 or 5 in number. As he remembers, they were of Springfield, Enfield, and perhaps of Carcano manufacture.

He said that when "I saw Oswald's rifle on television, I remembered Ferrie had one like it", or words to this effect and meaning. He also mentioned that the "makes" of these rifles could be proven by the August 1961 arrest records of Ferrie. He meant, he said, the arrest on Atherton Drive in Jefferson Parish conducted by Sheriff's Deputies, and New Orleans Police Detectives Roland Fournier and Charles Jonau. Furthermore, subject states that his letter from U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy attesting and commending his F.R.D. (Cuban) representativeship here in this country; i.e., that this was not "Letters-Marque", but an identification letter, et cetera. Also disappeared from his brief-case at that same time, and during this same arrest period. In short, he thinks that it was taken by one or more of these arresting officers, and that these facts should be a part of these officers' investigative report.

Telephone conversation between James L. Alcock, Assistant District Attorney and Mrs. Martens.

"A" denotes Mr. Alcock - "B" denotes Mrs. Martens

*To: Archivist
For: Indicated file (?)*

B Hello

A. Hello. Mrs. Martens?

B. Yes.

A. This is Jim Alcock, Mrs. Martins, Assistant District Attorney.

B. Uh huh.

A. I spoke to Mr. Gill this morning and he suggested that perhaps I could call you and maybe we could arrange a meeting and talk to you about some ah people Dave Ferrie or someone might have known. Would that be possible?

B. (Well, I'll tell you, I wouldn't mind helping you out if I could but Dave never introduced me to any of these people, you see.)

A. I see.

B That was the trouble. I had put him out of my home in January 1962 and after that I never would associate with him any more. So that's how come I didn't get to meet all of these people. I wish I could have then I could be of some assistance to you, you know.

A. Mr. Gill said something about a red-headed woman or something.

B Well, the way I understood it, that a man and a red-headed woman were seen running away from the scene after President Kennedy was killed. And I said, now that doesn't ring a bell with me either. All I heard was the information like everyone else on TV. You know? But I certainly wish that I could be of some assistance to you people because I know that it is a terrible case to have to deal with.

A. Right

B. But like I said, under the circumstances, since I put David out I never got to be introduced to any of these people. I wish I had.

A. Did you ever meet Sergio Arcacha?

B No, I surely didn't.

A. How about Novel?

B No Sir, I don't know him either.

A. You didn't meet him either?

B. No Sir.

A. Well, who - do you remember any of Dave's friends you met prior to you putting him out?

- B. Well, you see, it was always the kids when I was up there. Whenever I'd go there, all the boys would be there and he'd be spending his time with them so I never got to meet any of the adults he knew.
- A Oh, I see.
- B You see?
- A. Well, then you don't know of any red-headed woman that he knows?
- B. No, I really don't know of anyone that he was - had been dating or going around with at that particular time because that was shortly after I had thrown him out.
- A. Oh, I see. Well Mr. Gill, you know, had told me I could call you and if you could help us in any way we would really appreciate it.
- B. Well, I surely wish that I could be of some assistance to you as I know it is a very bad case for you all. But I really can't. Just the way it happened, like I say, me putting him out was the reason why I didn't get to meet any of the adults.
- A. Right. Okay, well I won't detain you any longer.
- B. All right.
- A. I really appreciate you talking to me.
- B. All right Sir. Thank you. If I get any information I'll let you know.

*Sciambra
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